

Regulators

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The Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management is the competent licensing and supervisory authority with respect to radiation protection for the construction and operation of major nuclear facilities other than for medical use. This also includes the management of radioactive waste and the only waste management facility in Austria, NES. Thus, in the field of the safety of radioactive waste management, the regulatory body entrusted with the implementation of the legislative and regulatory framework is the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management.

Concerning the nuclear safety and the radiation protection in general, the competencies are divided between different authorities in Austria due to his federal and regional structure: The Federal Minister of Science and Research is the competent authority for the licensing of the construction and operation as well as for the inspection of university-based nuclear installations. The Federal Minister of the Interior is the competent authority for supervision of nuclear facilities with regard to physical protection and in charge of transport safety measures with regard to the carriage of nuclear materials. The Federal Minister of Economics and Labour is the competent authority for safeguards. The Federal Minister of Justice is responsible for all legal matters relating to the Nuclear Liability Act. The Federal Ministry of Health, Family and Youth is responsible for radiation matters in the medical field and with regard to foodstuff. The Heads of Governments of the Federal Provinces issue licenses according to the Environmental Impact Assessment Act. The locally competent Regional or District Authorities (99 districts in Austria) are the common radiation protection authorities and responsible for licensing and supervision according to the Radiation Protection Act.